

R E V I E W.

Tuesday, August 26. 1712.

I Promised you in my last, a Sketch or Draft of the dreadful Havock the last Plague made in this very City, and accordingly I here present you with the exact Copy of one of the Bills of Mortality, or Weekly Bills, being for the third Week in September, 1665.

I need not tell the Reader here, that at the Time that this Bill was so high, the City was so thin of Inhabitants, that one might walk from *Aldgate* to *Ludgate*, and not meet, or see, 100 People; That the generality of the People were all fled, at least all such as had any Retreat; That above 70000 were dead at that Time of the Plague, and in their Graves, *Inclusive of this Week*; That Grass grew in the Streets, in the Markets, and on the Exchange; and nothing but Death and Horror was to be seen in every place.

I need not tell you, that even before this Plague begun, the City itself and Suburbs, were nothing near so extended in Building, or so Populous, as they are now, and that by a modest Computation, there were at least 200000 People more in *London* now, than there were then: The Bills of Mortality prove

this, which in time of Health that Year, were generally about 250 to 300; whereas now we reckon 400 a very moderate Weekly Bill.

Yet even at this Time see the Desolation made by this Raging Distemper.

You will also observe, that the Number of other Distempers are strangely Encreas'd at that Time, so that besides those set down to die of the Plague, the Bill for that Week of other Distempers, appears to be 1132; the Reason of which is plain, *viz.* That such Families as could conceal their being Infected, were very Industrious to do it, and so when any died among them, they rather put them down of any other Distemper, to prevent its being known that their Families were touch'd. which was many Ways prejudicial to them—While at the same time none can think, but the unusual Numbers of other Distempers were occasion'd by the Plague, if not really so; I shall make no other Comment on this dreadful Text, but refer you to the following Bill, which was,

From the 12th of September, to the 19th. Anno 1665.

Diseases and Casualties this Week.

Abortive	5	Dropfie	33
Aged	43	Fever	309
Ague	2	Flox and Small-Pox	5
Apoplexies, and suddenly	2	Frighted	3
Bleeding	2	Gout	1
Burnt in his Bed at St. Giles Crip- legate	1	Grief	3
Canker	1	Griping in the Guts	51
Childbed	42	Jaundies	5
Chrisoms	18	Imposthume	11
Consumption	134	Infants	16
Convulsion	64	Kill'd by a Fall from the Bellfrey at <i>Alballows</i> the Great	1
Cough	2	King's Evil	2

Lethargy

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Palsie	1	Stopping of the Stomach	2
Plague	7165	Surfeit	49
Rickers	17	Teeth	121
Rising of the Lights	11	Thrush	5
Scowring	5	Tympany	1
Scurvy	2	Tiflick	11
Spleen	1	Vomiting	3
Spotted-Fever	101	Wind	3
Stilborn	17	Worms	15

Buried { Males — 4095
Females — 4202
in all 8297 } whereof of the Plague, 7185.

Parishes clear of the Plague — 4
Parishes Infected — 126

Increased in the Burials this Week — 607.

This is a Week of that dreadful Year, of which the Misery and Horror is inexpressible; I shall spend none of your Time in Commenting on so Melancholly a Subject; you may guess a little of it, from two small Articles in the Bill of Mortality above said, and of which 'tis observ'd, some are in every Bill of that Year, viz. *Frighted* — 3. *Grief* — 3. The terrible Appearance of Death in so many dismal Shapes, must needs be very surprizing to many, and that issued in the first Article; and the weighty Sorrows of others, either such as Parents, who lost whole Families of their Children; or Children losing their Parents, and the like, sunk many into the

Grave, meerly with the Grief of the Loss.

I think no one can call this terrifying the People; I think the Thing a little too much forgotten among us; but if you think otherwise, I will terrifie you no longer, this may be sufficient for those that make a Mock of the present Circumstances, to let them see what kind of Thing a Plague is in this City, and what it may be, if it comes again; those who think we are in no danger of it, need be under no Concern at this Account, and those who think we are, will make good use of it.